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# NEWSLETTER



COME CELEBRATE OUR 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT THE

USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
in  
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

JUNE 21 - 25, 2011

## RECENT CLARIFICATIONS

### TUMBLING, BEGINNER & ADV-BEGINNER

Is there a deduction when an athlete is beginning their back pass with a back roll and puts their hands down in front or beside their seat (to balance or steady) prior to rolling?

**ANS:** No deduction, unless they push off which will result in a 0.5 pt. deduction.

### ATTIRE

After our clarification on women's attire - leos with "spaghetti straps" - we have had questions regarding the type of leo shown in white (with thick straps) in the attachment. We are not saying that type of leo would be considered illegal attire ....what we are saying is the leo



with the very thin strap (could not find a picture) would be considered illegal attire. **Leo pictured is legal and will not receive a deduction.**

### EQUIPMENT

#### SUB-BEG, BEG, & ADV-BEG

The rule states: "Single layer tumbling mat ( 1"-2" thick) 42' long and at least 6' wide **OR** at least 42' carpet with at least one additional 6'x12' mat available for a coach to add to the end of the existing 42' of mat if needed." This to me sounds like it is the coaches responsibility to add the mat if needed. So if a mat is available & the coach decides not to add it or doesn't know the rules & therefore doesn't add the mat because of that, then the .9 deduction is still not taken?

**ANS:** "If a coach DOES NOT request the additional mat and an athlete goes off the end of the mat - are those deductions still taken. The answer if YES - our rules state: "Tumbling off the side or end of the mat with any part of the body - During the execution of a skill, once the competitor's foot touches the floor or goes all the way off the mat, the pass will be terminated. Whatever terminates a pass results in loss of skill and the appropriate deduction (touching outside the landing zone or track with any part of the body 0.9 pt.)"

### TRAMPOLINE

In a trampoline routine, are these two skills considered different or a repeat?

Initiate from feet, seat drop, return to feet

Initiate from feet, seat drop, ½ turn, return to feet

**ANS:** The combinations are different and not a repeat - the rules state "At this level, a skill will not be considered a repeat if it is entered into or exited from in a different manner. Example: Seat drop - return to feet is different from Seat drop - ½ return to feet; Seat drop to front drop-return to feet is different from Seat drop - return to feet and different from Front drop - return to feet."

**Be sure to check the USTA web page for a full list of clarifications - [usta1.org](http://usta1.org)**

It has been a fabulous year of athletes setting goals and achieving them, dedicated, hard working athletes never giving up, the advancing of skill levels, the making of new friends, coaches and judges so giving of their time, families taking time out of their busy lives to be there for their sons and daughters, and host clubs putting on a lot of really great USTA competitions. Now we will all meet again at the 2011 USTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Charleston West Virginia to CELEBRATE USTA's 40th ANNIVERSARY.

I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication to the sport of Tumbling and Trampoline and for making USTA what it is today. I appreciate each and everyone of you involved in the support of this wonderful organization. WISHING EVERYONE A SUCCESSFUL, FUN, AND SAFE 2011 USTA NATIONALS.

Debbie Moser , USTA President



**This was the last year for the St. Jude's Benefit Meet in Peoria, Illinois and they issued the USTA an Certificate of Appreciation for their continued support. We want to thank all of the clubs and athletes that competed in this competition - we were able to contribute a great amount of money to this cause!**



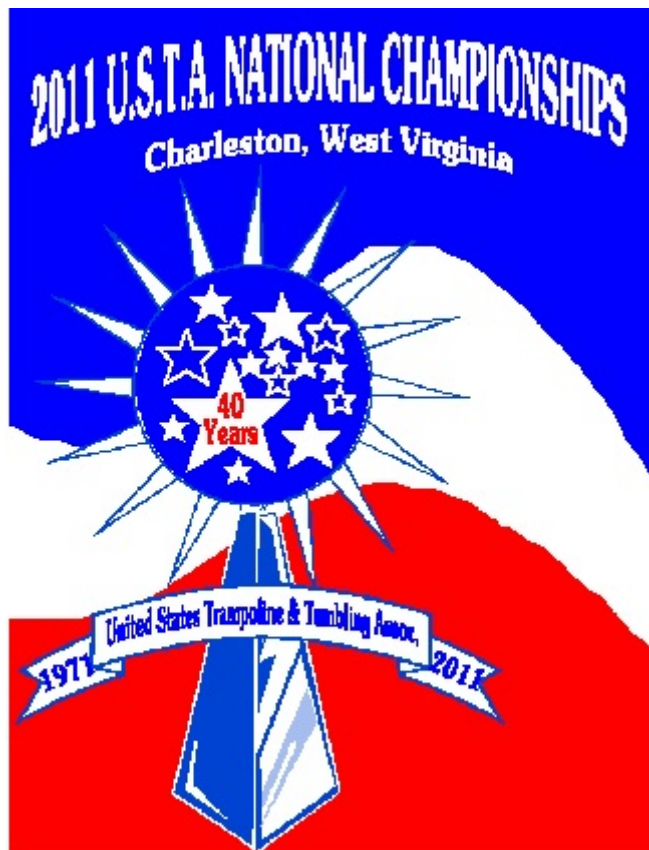
**CALENDAR UPDATE - The Georgia/Alabama state meet will be held May 14 in Johns Creek, GA at ALLSTAR TnT.**



**Be sure to check the Adv/Elite list on the USTA web page. It is being updated as we receive meet results (which can be daily). Let us know if we have missed anyone.**

**WANTED: Interested in purchasing a used euro double mini trampoline.**

**Contact: Tara Rigdon**  
**Stoughton Tumblers - Stoughton, WI**  
[tara@frozenpc.net](mailto:tara@frozenpc.net)  
**Ph: 608-576-2382**



**This is the USTA's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we want to celebrate BIG at the 2011 USTA National Championships. You won't want to miss this one, so sign up today!**

**If you have been involved with the USTA for 30 or more years, please contact us at the USTA National Office so we can recognize you during our Ceremonies. Email us at [ustapatti@verizon.net](mailto:ustapatti@verizon.net) or fax us at 863-420-2050...just be sure to verify receipt!**

**DEADLINES for nominations for Coach of the Year, Judge of the Year, Nissen-Grisswold Athlete of the Year, and Scholarships - Postmark of:**

**Nominations without Bio & Pic - April 29**  
**Nominations with Bio & Pic - May 9**

Our January invitational meet was used as a fund raiser for the homeless shelter in Des Moines. We used the theme of a slumber party, coaches, judges, parents and athletes came dressed for the part. Anyone who brought something for the shelter was entered into a raffle. The response was overwhelming. We made 3 tumbling quilts, which we used for the awards area, then raffled them off. This is something we definitely want to do again.

#### Homeless Shelter

Yesterday, we took the donations to the shelter in Des Moines. This was quite an experience for us. Not at all what we expected. Entry and office area were very small, could use some fresh paint. When we arrived there, we were met at the door by a gentleman named Howard, very nice man. I asked him if he had a cart, he replied he had better than that, he walked around the corner and hollered "Donations". About 10 or so men and women came to help unload, they didn't expect us to help. These men and women were clean, dressed fairly nice and very friendly. They did not look like "bums" or druggies. They definitely did not look like they were there by choice. There was an older gentleman there, that really touched my heart. He was confined to a wheelchair, his leg was amputated. His wheelchair was not electric, in fact it was in horrible shape, it had tape holding the arm rests on. This man had me put boxes on his lap, so high he could barely see over them. I asked him if he would like me to push him (there was a pretty good incline from where we had to park to the door), he said no. I watched this man, using his one leg push himself backwards up the incline, turning his head as far as he could so he didn't back off the sidewalk. They all thanked us several times. Again - THANKS TO EVERYONE who donated to this cause. We walked away from there wanting to do more. I would love to take that gentleman a wheelchair. We walked away from there feeling very blessed to have our family and friends. We walked away from there with questions, What happened in their life to land them there, where are their families and friends. We walked away with sadness and to be honest feeling a little guilty. We were going to Barattas for dinner, what do you think their plans were? Outside the shelter, there were cardboard boxes, there was a tent made from a blue tarp. Is there nights when there is "no room at the inn"? It's cold out, I gripe about our heat bills, but we have heat and can pay the bill. We are blessed!!! Say a little prayer for these people, they really do need our help, no matter how small. If anyone knows where we can get a wheelchair or someone who has one they don't need, please contact me. Lori has talked about doing a meal for these people, we thought it was a good idea before, now we think it's an EXCELLENT idea. It's in the works. We hope a lot of you will help. GOD bless you all!!!!

Thank you, Steve and Vickie



The 2011 USTA National Congress will be held on September 24 & 25, 2011, at The Drawbridge Inn & Convention Center, 2477 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, 41017-3599. To make reservations, phone 859-341-2800.

\*If you know anyone you would like to hear, please let the USTA National Office know!

The Technical Committee meeting will be held on Friday, September 23. If you have any rule proposals, be sure to send them to the National office by September 1, 2011.

NTJC Judges, remember, as part of your re-certification requirements, you must attend Congress once every four years. If you have any questions regarding your status, contact NTJC Coordinator, Cynthia Willoughby, at phone: 606-780-8845 or email: [tumblena1@aol.com](mailto:tumblena1@aol.com).

CONGRATULATIONS to NTJC Judge, Leanne Riefler, on the birth of her new grandson, Dallas Benjamin.



CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Pierce, 5 Star Elite, on the birth of his son, Raiden James Arthur.

CONGRATULATIONS to NTJC Judge, Amy Boblit and her new husband. Amy's married name is Richter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Samantha Inman, Concordia Turners, who is getting married May 14.

GET WELL Wishes to Judy Worden, Jumpin' J's - hope you continue to recover from your recent procedures.

CONDOLENCES to Stacy Jauch, Fox Valley Tumbling & Trampoline, whose father passed away.

CONDOLENCES to Coach D(Darnell), Elite Sports Complex, whose mother passed away recently from cancer.

**IOWA STATE MEET TEAM AWARD RESULTS**

- Tumbling**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> MAT Tumbling & Trampoline
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Moser School of Dance & Gymnastics
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> University of Tumbling & Trampoline
- Trampoline**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> MAT Tumbling & Trampoline
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> University of Tumbling & Trampoline
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Flip
- Double-Mini**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> MAT Tumbling & Trampoline
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Plum Creek Tumbling
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> X-treme Tumbling & Trampoline
- Overall**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> MAT Tumbling & Trampoline
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Plum Creek Tumbling
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> University of Tumbling & Trampoline

**S-IL Award Winners**



**Marge Mazotti Coach of the Year - Ann Kendle, Sky High T&T**



**Senior Athlete Scholarship - Trey Katz, Sun Elite Athletic Club**



**Ryan Brown Athlete of the Year Award - Erin Turner, Top Star Training Center**



**Natalie Johnson Sportsmanship Award - Kalista Klann, Irish's Gym**

N-IL Athlete Scholarship Award Winner - Karissa Diller, Gymnastics Etc.

**Congratulations to All!**

We want to remind everyone to have the athletes recite the USTA Athlete's Pledge at their competitions.

"I pledge to do my best and to be an athlete that is a team player with good sportsmanship. I will be honest, caring, responsible, and respectful, and will follow the rules of the United States Trampoline and Tumbling Association."



